

The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column
Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they join the Home
Circle at Evening Tide

DOES YOUR HOME LACK LAUGHTER?

Cultivate a Sense of Humor and Drive
the Glooms out of the Family Circle.

"It is certainly good to have a 'laugh' in the house," said the woman whose hair is showing silvery light. "We're a serious lot at our house. I suppose we used to laugh some when we were all young, but as the years and the troubles have piled up, we've taken ourselves very seriously. "Quintessence pervaded our household from end to end. Our evenings were like funeral gatherings, barring the actual weeping. Nobody ever thought of anything funny. I'd have jumped if anybody had laughed. If any of us had undertaken to smile, the rest would have thought that one's mind was giving way."

"We went earnestly about our work, discussed the problems of the day, sympathized with each other's ailments, and have always been good citizens. But we were like a house with the shades eternally pulled down."

"Then my cousin, who was left without a thing, came to live with us. She's a delicate little body, too."

"We took it for granted she would never smile again. When she suddenly laughed out loud one day over some note of old Bruno, who's in his second puppyhood, we looked at each other with that I-told-you-so air. Her brain was giving way!"

"But after that she laughed often. She was one of those resilient people who can't be downed by trouble. The sense of humor in her lifted her over catastrophes. When mother stood against the day I broke the lampshade, my cousin laughed until the tears rolled down her cheeks—said our serious faces were the funniest things she'd ever seen."

"Well, we finally got used to her. Then we felt that we'd miss the laugh if we didn't hear it. Then we began to smile a little ourselves and finally, one evening, we were all startled by hearing strange sounds from father."

"He was reading something by Mark Twain, and he had come to the part where somebody asked Twain what was worse than a combination of mumps and measles, and Twain answered that he should think it would be worse to have rheumatism and St. Vitus dance at the same time. It hit father's long-drawn funny spot and when he started to laugh he didn't just know how to do it. We went over and slapped him on the back and asked him what was the matter. My cousin found out the truth, then she sat down on the floor and shrieked. Before it was over we were all nearly sick from laughing."

"You'd be surprised to see how we've changed at home since we've had a laugh in the house. Things we used to scold about don't seem worth the effort. We're all at least ten years younger and Sister Molly actually has a beard!"

"The Benefits of Laughter. Laughter is a noise like a gin. People can laugh. Animals, except donkeys that go hee-haw, can't laugh. The difference between folks and animals is that one can laugh and one can't laugh. There is no difference between a donkey and lots of people."

"There are two kinds of laughter. One kind is where people laugh with you, not you love them for it, and the other kind where they laugh at you, and you let them over the head if you are big enough and strong enough."

"Some people laugh so easily that they laugh at their own jokes and at what they read in the funny papers, but most folks have to be given chloroform before you can pull a laugh out of them."

"Also some people laugh because they have got a funny bone and are easily tickled, but other folks laugh because they have got a nice set of teeth."

"Gentlemen laugh a great deal more than ladies do. I do not know why this is true unless it is because ladies have not got much to laugh about."

"When a gentleman laughs a lot of people say he is a jolly good fellow, for 50 cents' worth of fun."

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Seven of Prof's steers
Went wild one day
And to the swamps
And hills did stray.

And proffered in the swamps
And hills to roam
Instead of a warm
And up-to-date home.

And there ate brouse
Instead of hay,
And on the cold snow
They would lay.

Prof. was much worried,
For he is sure kind hearted,
And had hardly slept one wink
Since from hills they had parted.

After trying many schemes,
He vowed to man and God,
That he would have those steers back,
If it took all of his wad.

So he offered fifty dollars,
And even would pay more,
To have those steers landed,
Inside of his barn door.

First there came the Hotel help,
Three men to every steer,
But to pay them anything,
Prof. did not fear.

If you have wild steers to catch,
With greensies do not talk,
But go and get Kimball and dog,
And also Swan and York.

For with the greatest skill,
Those boys got three all right,
But for the other four
They all would have to fight.

And then they got Kimball and dog,
And started one big steer,
With the dog at the steer's nose,
To Prof's they drew near.

And with the lightest sleigh,
And fastest horse in town,
Prof. thought with ease,
He could run that critter down.

And then Prof. said, "Watch me boys,
For I shall sure drop dead,
For with this wonderful little horse,
That critter I cannot head."

But when that steer turned,
And outran him up the street,
Prof. was amazed
That a steer could be so fleet.

For he had used the whip,
And yelled with all his might,
But couldn't gain one rod,
On that steer's mad flight.

And even with his auto,
Without a flying start,
That steer would get away,
As he did that day all right.

So finally that dog,
Drove those steers all down,
But that last one he got,
They thought it sure would drown.

For he ran to the Androscoggin,
And on the ice broke through,
And they choked him near to death,
The only thing to do.

And blown up like a bladder,
Out on the ice he slid,
And that ended up the chase,
And they all felt mighty big.

Now the Prof. was up against it,
To pay one awful bill,
But when he looked at those thin steers
It was one bitter pill.

J. P. Chapman.

NORTHWEST ALBANY.
Deferred.
Elwin Rolfe and family have all been sick with very bad colds.

George Mills has been quite sick and is not able to work.

The callers at F. W. Rolfe's, Thursday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Toward, F. L. Deane, F. W. Rolfe and son, Marshall, Mrs. P. H. Rolfe and two children, Carl and Clarence.

Herman Bennett has moved down to Patten's Mill.

Reverend Rolfe called on his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rolfe, Sunday.

J. A. McKenney has a crew working in the woods on the place formerly owned by M. L. Mason, now owned by the Haslages.

Money talks, and when we give it to charity it positively yells itself hoarse.

CANTON

Rev. George Hamlin, D. D., associate secretary of the United Baptist State Convention, will occupy the pulpit of the Free Baptist church, Sunday, Feb. 18th.

Mrs. Arthur Glines has been visiting her son, Harold Glines and family of Unity.

Theodore W. Woodward has gone to Rumford to work.

Mrs. Gordon Dymont went to Rumford, Saturday, to have an operation performed upon her ankle at the McCarty hospital.

The subject of Miss L. B. Trevel's discourse at the F. B. church, Sunday, was "A Christian," and in the evening, "The Lame Man Healed." A juvenile choir furnished music in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Winslow are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son last Thursday.

The preliminary speaking of the eighteen students of Canton High school will be held Wednesday and Friday afternoons of this week.

Mrs. Martin Francis is under the care of a trained nurse.

The first and second degrees will be conferred at the meeting of Canton Grange, Saturday.

A pleasant meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Free Baptist church was held Thursday with Mrs. Birena Handy. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour. The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Mrs. Florrie Bisbee; Vice President, Mrs. John N. Foye; Secretary, Miss Reba Crockett; Treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Oliver; Chaplain, Mrs. Mattie Thomas.

Mrs. Myrtle Bradford is in Madison, assisting in the care of her sister, Lebaron Card has sold his heavy pair of work horses to Robain Arcaneau of Lewiston to be used in his lumbering operations.

Charles B. Dodge, who has been caring for his brother, F. W. Dodge, for several weeks, has returned to his home in Bridgton.

Ira S. Hawkins, who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Drake of Lewiston, was a former resident of Canton and an uncle of Mrs. J. W. Dickrell of this place.

Mrs. A. E. Johnson is confined to her home with rheumatism.

At Canton Grange hall, Tuesday, a local branch of the N. E. Milk Producers' Association was organized by A. S. Hall of Backfield, who presided with C. F. Tripp secretary. The meeting was a large and enthusiastic one and twenty-one joined the association. The following officers were elected: President, D. A. Bisbee; Vice President, A. H. Adams; Secretary and Treasurer, G. L. Adams; Executive Committee, G. T. Bonney, A. J. Foster and W. F. Mitchell, Jr.; Membership and By-Laws Committee, C. E. Mendall, O. E. Hardy and C. F. Tripp.

Charles Hollis gave a party to twenty of his young friends, Tuesday evening, his 16th birthday. The evening was pleasantly passed with music, games, cards and dancing. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and fancy cookies were served.

The young people of the Christian Endeavor Society held a box supper and social at G. A. R. hall, Wednesday evening which was well attended and much enjoyed. An entertainment was given by the children.

The Universalist Circle met Thursday with Mrs. Lillian Bicknell. The next meeting will be at the Rev. Howard Davis home at Canton.

Lucius Young of Livermore passed away Saturday after a long period of ill health. He is survived by his wife and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Ethna Mitchell of Massachusetts, who has been with him the past few weeks. He was a veteran of the Civil War and an honored member of Canton Grange, No. 110, P. H.

The lecture by Dr. Frank D. Tubbs was postponed on account of the storm Thursday.

The Pine Tree Club met with Mrs. Elith H. Ellis, Saturday, with the vice president, Mrs. Mary Carson, presiding. A historical paper was read by Mrs. Clara H. Fuller, "Life of Washington."

Child Saved from Worms
A mother of six children writes: "My baby was very sick and a friend of mine suggested trying Dr. F. W. Rolfe's Worm Expeller. Now I have six children and am never without Dr. F. W. Rolfe's Expeller, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, in my house. Mrs. R. N. Rolfe, West Newbury, Mass."

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Dr. J. F. F. F.

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Mrs. Carson, residing by Artemus Ward, Miss Marguerite Hollis; current events, Mrs. F. W. Morse; quotations were given from Washington and "the Chambered Nautilus," by Holmes, read. There was also a contest which was much enjoyed. The next session will be held with Mrs. Cora D. Fuller, Feb. 17. Miss Mildred Richardson has returned from a month's visit in Boston. Miss Marguerite Sampson went to the Children's Hospital at Portland, Monday, to be treated for curvature of the spine. She was accompanied by her mother and Mrs. Flora York. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Soper of Fayette are guests of their daughters, Mrs. Ray K. Merrow and Mrs. Ellis Sampson.

FARM PRODUCTION.

\$13,440,000,000 Estimated Total Gross Value of Crops and Animal Products for Year 1916.

By far the largest gross value of farm production in this country was reached in 1916, according to estimates made by the United States Department of Agriculture. The total of crops and animal products was \$13,440,000,000, an increase of \$2,674,000,000 over the total of 1915, which was itself a high-water mark. The mere increase is greater than the census gross value of farm production in 1899, and is nearly as large as the census crop value in 1899. The increase of 1916 over 1915 was \$3,354,000,000. The gross value of farm production is the total of crops and animal products, and takes no account of the use of a product as a material for other production; nor are any costs of production subtracted. Consequently, the value of gross production should be regarded as an index number, and not as so many net dollars put into the farmer's pocket.

The value of the net product of wealth on farms has not been determined, and can not now be estimated. The items for the estimated years are expressed in gross value and are made to conform to the census plan so as to be comparable with those for the census years.

If the gross value of the census farm production of 1899 is represented by 100, the value for 1916 was 48.3; for 1909, 38.3; for 1904, 31.4; for 1914, 59.5; for 1915, 53.4; and for 1916, 58.1.

In the subdivision of the value of gross production into its two main elements, crops and animal products, it appears that the total estimated crop value in 1916 was \$6,111,000,000, an amount greater than the sum of the estimated values of crops and of animal products for any year previous to 1912,

greater than the total estimated crop value of 1915 by \$2,040,000,000, and of 1914 by \$2,990,000,000.

The total estimated value of animal products in 1916 was \$4,333,000,000, or more than double the value for 1904, which was the highest amount to that time. It was greater than the estimated value of animal products in 1915 by \$470,000,000, and of 1914 by \$535,000,000.

Compared with the value of farm crops in 1899, represented by 100, the crop value for 1909 was 18.3; for 1914, 30.3; for 1915, 23.0; and for 1916, 30.3. A similar comparison for animal products results in a percentage of 17.7 for 1909, 22.3 for 1914, 25.1 for 1915, and 32.5 for 1916.

The crop value for 1916 increased over that of 1899 by 203.3 per cent., of 1909 by 68 per cent., of 1914 by 49 per cent., and of 1915 by 31.9 per cent. The value of animal products increased in 1916 over 1909 by 155.5 per cent., over 1904 by 41.3 per cent., over 1914 by 14.7 per cent., and over 1915 by 12.2 per cent.

From 1908 to 1914 the total crop value, as a fraction of the value of total gross farm production, declined from 64.6 to 61.9 per cent. In 1915, on the contrary, this tendency was not only arrested, but was sharply reversed, and the crop value then became 64.1 per cent. of the total of crops and animal products, followed by another sharp advance to 67.7 per cent. in 1916.

Four crops have each exceeded a billion dollars in value at the farm in 1916. The estimate for corn is \$2,296,000,000; cotton lint, based on gross weight, \$1,128,000,000; cotton crop, including lint and seed, \$1,466,000,000; hay, tame and wild, \$1,162,000,000; wheat, \$1,028,000,000. Other crops that each exceeded a hundred million dollars are oats, \$626,000,000; potatoes, \$417,000,000; farm woodlot products, \$331,000,000; apples, \$186,000,000; tobacco, \$169,000,000; barley, \$160,000,000.

The level of prices paid to producers for the principal crops December 1, 1916, was about 53.9 per cent. higher than a year previous, 52.9 per cent. higher than two years before, and 52.4 per cent. higher than the average of the previous eight years on December 1. The year 1916 was one of comparatively low crop production, but the prices and values of most of the crops were extraordinarily high.

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and not until 1920 or 1921 do the taxes under the bond plan even approximate the increase in direct taxation as required by the mill tax plan. The mill tax pays no money for interest but postpones the roads; the bond plan requires interest but puts the roads now. The mill tax places the burden upon us. The bond issue asks our children to share in the expense of this gigantic undertaking, the benefits of which they will enjoy. The mill tax plan postpones the roads; the bond plan postpones the payment." Prof. Tyler, favoring the mill tax, declared, "If we must have money we must be willing to pay the interest money. We cannot escape the issue, and the longer the bonds continue, the greater must be the burden of debt which the people of Maine must consent to bear. When we have spent this \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 our work is only partly accomplished. The great problem is not of construction but of maintenance. From the standpoint of dollars and cents we must instantly recognize the fact that the longer any issue of bonds runs the greater becomes the aggregate cost. For example, an issue of \$4,000,000 in serial bonds is said to run 20 years will ultimately cost the State \$6,000,000 in interest alone, or, in other words, we should be obliged to pay more in interest than we received from the total issue of outstanding bonds.

In connection with highway matters Rep. Harman's order for an inquiry into the administration of the commission is of interest. The order says, "Ordered, that the State Highway commission file with the Legislature forthwith an itemized statement of all expenditures incurred, particularly and in detail the amount expended in actual road construction, exclusive of surveys, inspection, advice, etc., as well as a detailed statement of all other expenditures." Mr. Harman was questioned as to the intent of the order, and replied, "I have been told by people who ought to be well informed that only 20 per cent of the money appropriated for roads actually goes into road building, the rest going to pay for the expenses of the department." He thought such reports should be cleared up.

Rep. Rodman of Ellsworth introduced a resolve calling for an amendment to the constitution to provide for a bond issue of \$10,000,000 for good roads. The money would be available in 1918 if the amendment should be passed at a special election in September and followed by a special election in 1918. The money would be divided equally among the counties of the State.

In regard to the proposed enactment of a law for registration of residents of 20 years, Chairman Harry H. Austin of the Judiciary and General Committee has spoken on his support and argues that it provides a means of identification of residents and non-residents and would prevent non-residents from voting. It would, he believes, increase the vote of 20 years and 20 years more. A fee of \$1 to include would amount to about \$11,000.

Representative Thomas of Lisbon and First of Meason introduced bills calling for registration on and increase for non-resident voters.

For two hours during the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 31, leading women and men of the State, representing all the foremost women's and charitable organizations, attended the convention on legal affairs on the need of the enactment of a mothers' pension law in this State. To enable mothers with dependent children deprived of support from other sources to receive from the State, without supporting them, that degree of aid which would enable them to keep their children together and bring them up in their own homes. The bill calls for the appropriation of \$10,000 and the cost of the next two years. The sum would not exceed \$1 a week for each mother with a child under 16 years of age with \$5 each for every other child under 16. The State and the non-resident would share the expense.

Rep. Wilson of Portland introduced a bill authorizing the Maine Central Railroad to build a line from Bethel to the eastern boundary of Maine to connect with the railroad to be built by the government of Canada.

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Vigorous opposition is meeting the bill calling for a nine hour day for car conductors and motormen, this time to be worked in a total of 11 hours. Pres. Wm. M. Bradley of the Cumberland County Power and Light Co. said it would cost his company an increase of \$15,000 for the passenger service and \$3,500 for summer park service. Judge George Newell said it would cost the Lewiston, Augusta and Waterville Co., over \$30,000 in running expenses.

Considerable argument and suggestions for legislation developed during the last week over lobster questions. On Monday before the Legislature convened the commission authorized by the last Legislature for the better protection and preservation of the lobster fisheries reported the legal length of 10 1/2 inches should be sustained as "the safest and sanest length."

ANALYZING FARM BUSINESS.

Farmers Adopting the Practice as a Means of Determining the Efficiency of Farming Methods.

That the farmers of the country are adopting more and more the practice of analyzing their business carefully and using this analysis in keeping books was brought out recently in the hearings on the agricultural appropriation bill before the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives. The Office of Farm Management of the United States Department of Agriculture has provided in Farmers' Bulletin No. 661 blanks for use in analyzing a farm business in such a way that the farmer can readily ascertain the various sources from which he derives his income, the ways in which he spends his money, the total income from the farm, and the amount which should be charged off for interest on his investment.

County agents, it was said, make much use of this bulletin. They take it to the farmer, sit down with him, and work out with him a complete analysis of his business, so that he is able to see exactly in what respects he is losing money and in what respects he is making it. Furthermore, these blanks are frequently used when farmers write to the department for advice and assistance. In such cases it is customary to send the inquirer the bulletin, with the request for him to analyze with its aid his business. The information thus obtained is compared with similar information on file in the department and the specialists in the Office of Farm Management are thus enabled to point out the mistakes which are causing trouble in any one individual case. It may be found, for example, that a dairyman is spending from three to four times as much money for labor as other farmers conducting business on a similar scale.

To secure the necessary data that enable the department to determine whether or not a farmer is conducting his business as efficiently as any one else, a group of from 500 to 750 complete farm records is secured, and a detailed analysis of the business of each one of these made by trained experts. They ascertain what the investment is, how much of it is in land and buildings, and how much in live stock, machinery, feed, supplies, etc. The production of the farm in crops and live stock is ascertained, and the returns from the sales of all products ascertained. The record also includes an estimate of the amount of depreciation of the buildings, work stock, machinery, etc., on the farm. With this information it is possible to determine approximately what the average farmer in that section is doing, and when this average is compared with individual cases it is possible to throw light on why the prosperous farmer is succeeding and why the less fortunate neighbor is not.

Approximately one-third of the farmers who have been induced to analyze their business in this way, it is said, are now keeping books. Hitherto, many farmers have been discouraged from this by the apparent complexity of the system employed. By simplifying these systems in the future the farmer can tell what the figures say all about and how to use them, the department is greatly increasing the amount of bookkeeping being done on the farms of the country.

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PRODUCE WINTER EGGS.

Supply in Period of Greatest Scarcity May Be Increased by Proper Methods of Caring for the Birds.

Poultry owners who wish to obtain a satisfactory production of eggs during the fall and early winter should arrange to hatch pullets in March or April. Birds hatched at this time will be well matured in the fall. Furthermore, a greater proportion of them will go broody early in the spring, thus completing the circle necessary for production in the fall.

Pullets hatched in the spring can be induced to lay more abundantly in the winter if they are properly fed, housed, and handled. On the average general farm, very few eggs are secured at the time when eggs bring the highest prices. It will pay the poultry owner, therefore, to devote a little trouble to providing his birds with the most favorable surroundings for the winter.

The house should be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and made tight before the cold weather sets in. If the house has a dirt floor it is well to remove 3 or 4 inches of dirt from the top and to replace this material with dry gravel or sand. On cement or wooden floors 4 or 5 inches of fresh straw or litter may be thrown down after the floor has been cleaned.

Ventilation is another important factor to consider. The house should be tight on three sides, but for the fourth muslin curtains may be used for from one-third to one-half its extent. In any case, there should be some ventilation in the house, even on the coldest nights. Fowls will stand considerable cold air, provided it is dry, and ventilation will keep the air thoroughly dry in the house. On the other hand, drafts are likely to cause roup and other troubles.

Many farmers, in feeding their birds, overlook the fact that best scrap or some similar feed is very essential during the winter months if a good supply of eggs is to be obtained. A convenient method of feeding best scrap is in a mash made of three parts corn meal and one part each of wheat bran, wheat middlings, and beef scrap. Skimmed milk or buttermilk may be used in place of the best scrap, but if the supply is limited some scrap also should be fed.

In experiments conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture it was found that for the first four months pullets fed a ration containing best scrap produced, on an average, 41.5 eggs, while those fed the same ration without the scrap produced only 18.7. The cost of feeding the latter birds was 2.2 cents higher for every dozen eggs produced than in the case of the pullets fed best scrap.

The birds should have plenty to eat, but they also should always be eager for each meal. If one-third of the scratch grain furnished them is fed in the morning and two-thirds at night, the birds will take more exercise than if they receive all the grain they desire in the morning. Good scratch mixtures may be made of equal parts by weight of cracked corn, wheat, and oats, or of two parts of cracked corn and one part each of wheat and oats.

Other directions for the winter care of birds are contained in a new publication of the United States Department of Agriculture, Circular 71, Office of the Secretary, Winter Egg Production.

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TRADES AND MERCHANTS IN SURANCE CO. LOWELL, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$ 33,193.00
Stocks and Bonds,	5,859.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	5,269.45
Agents' Balances,	12,825.55
Interest and Rents,	2,141.04
Gross Assets,	\$410,228.44
Deduct items not admitted,	1,602.24
Admitted Assets,	\$417,626.40
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 6,258.41
Unearned Premiums,	260,244.85
All other Liabilities,	4,052.03
Surplus over all Liabilities,	157,070.50

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$417,626.40

Agent: W. R. TARBON, Fryeburg, Me.

MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY, BALTIMORE, MD.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$1,364,096.15
Mortgage Loans,	54,401.33
Stocks and Bonds,	1,054,529.41
Cash in Office and Bank,	431,268.87
Agents' Balances,	1,730,380.47
Bills Receivable,	7,810.62
Interest and Rents,	51,469.45
All other Assets,	3,264.83
Gross Assets,	\$10,575,841.13
Deduct items not admitted,	329,970.10
Admitted Assets,	\$10,245,871.03
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$2,609,231.52
Unearned Premiums,	4,058,318.51
All other Liabilities,	530,320.68
Cash Capital,	1,500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,581,000.02

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$10,245,871.03

LLOYD PLATE GLASS INS. CO. OF NEW YORK.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$375,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	73,250.00
Stocks and Bonds,	559,542.53
Cash in Office and Bank,	30,375.17
Agents' Balances,	90,284.20
Interest and Rents,	51,094.40
All other Assets,	7,207.37
Gross Assets,	\$1,041,809.33
Deduct items not admitted,	95,000.29
Admitted Assets,	\$946,809.04
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 30,506.18
Unearned Premiums,	267,507.50
All other Liabilities,	5,797.87
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$642,596.49

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$946,809.04

PENNSYLVANIA LUMBERMEN'S MUTUAL FIRE INS. CO. 806 LAYETTE BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$ 76,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	642,570.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	141,164.63
Agents' Balances,	17,133.61
Interest and Rents,	10,640.25
All other Assets,	16,526.97
Gross Assets,	\$913,015.41
Deduct items not admitted,	21,821.02
Admitted Assets,	\$891,194.39
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 30,506.18
Unearned Premiums,	267,507.50
All other Liabilities,	5,797.87
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$642,596.49

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$891,194.39

THE LUMBER MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF BOSTON, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Bonds,	\$601,250.15
Cash in Office and Bank,	110,249.00
Agents' Balances,	17,202.79
Interest,	13,177.23
All other Assets,	16,344.61
Gross Assets,	\$1,118,054.64
Deduct items not admitted,	34,008.97
Admitted Assets,	\$1,084,045.67
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 12,288.28
Unearned Premiums,	275,431.84
All other Liabilities,	397,418.84
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$599,907.71

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,084,045.67

WEST BETHEL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gilbert are being visited by Mr. Gilbert's mother and sister from Colchester, N. H.

Mrs. E. B. Mason and Mrs. C. C. Mason are in Bethel's Free, Tuesday at Oxford County Prison.

E. H. Briggs and George Dexter are at the Oxford County Prison.

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AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK, 100 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Real Estate,	\$3,415,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	76,831.89
Collateral Loans,	505,116.28
Stocks and Bonds,	4,339,421.33
Cash in Office and Bank,	1,749,519.87
Agents' Balances,	775,515.95
Interest and Rents,	40,500.25
All other Assets,	478,108.74
Gross Assets,	\$10,478,370.31
Deduct items not admitted,	608,472.57
Admitted Assets,	\$9,869,897.74
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 789,826.50
Unearned Premiums,	2,267,458.03
All other Liabilities,	518,538.55
Cash Capital,	5,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,289,074.75

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$9,869,897.74

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EQUITABLE ACCIDENT COMPANY, BOSTON, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1916.

Mortgage Loans,	\$ 3,950.00
Stocks and Bonds,	148,660.75
Cash in Office and Bank,	13,465.51
Agents' Balances,	1,970.58
Interest and Rents,	1,970.58
All other Assets,	1,970.58
Gross Assets,	\$168,844.39
Deduct items not admitted,	\$168,844.39
Admitted Assets,	\$168,844.39
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1916,	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$12,590.50
Unearned Premiums,	10,004.56

RUMFORD

On Thursday evening of this week at the Stephens High school building, will be held an equal suffrage meeting. Frederick W. Freeman of Portland, treasurer of the Referendum League, will be the speaker. Mr. Freeman is a graduate of Boston Tech. and is the manager of the Winthrop Manufacturing Company. He is giving his time to the cause, and comes to Rumford in behalf of the Equal Suffrage League.

On Friday evening, Feb. 9, there will be a boxing exhibition between Knuck Webb of Boston and Kid Larabee of Rumford. Each man has posted \$50 for his appearance, as the exhibition to have been held a week ago had to be called off as one of the principals refused to meet his opponent.

The annual fair of Osgood Eaton Relief Corps, No. 93, is to occur on Feb. 22nd, and arrangements are already being completed. Miss Esther Ann Uhl-schoffer, Rumford's former District Nurse, is president of the Berlin, N. H. Relief Corps, the city in which she is now situated as a District Nurse.

There will be a Valentine Social at the Virginia Chapel, Feb. 14, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid. Many novel features will predominate throughout the evening, and refreshments appropriate to St. Valentine's Day will be on sale.

The opera, "Pocahontas," will be presented in Majestic Theatre, April 12 and 13.

Benjamin Woodcock of Wilton has accepted a position in the Oxford Mill and has moved his family here.

George R. Chase has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities consist of small sums due Rumford merchants. Lucian W. Blanchard is his attorney.

One of the machines at the International Mill has been put on news print, and two more will follow within a few days. The mill has for several years been manufacturing bag paper for the Continental Paper Bag Company, but the scarcity of news print has caused the International officials to make the change.

Mr. Pruzan has sold the business of the Boston Grocery Company to Aho Stern.

The second annual banquet of the local order of Eagles will be held at Hotel Rumford on Thursday evening, Feb. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. George Donahue are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a 10 pound son.

Mr. Edmund R. Bowers is in New York where she has gone to buy spring goods for the E. K. Day Company.

John Blair of Lewiston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Young.

Mrs. Lucy Moore of the McKenzie clerking force is ill.

Mrs. Annie C. of the E. K. Day Company is in Boston.

Miss Luella Gunn is in Boston where she is the guest of her father and grandfather for two weeks. Mrs. Russell Ingalls is substituting in the store of the Direct Importing Company during her absence.

James Law of Dayton, Ohio, has secured employment in the Oxford Mill and will soon move his family here.

Mrs. Norman Nellis has accepted a permanent position as saleslady at the store of Levin, Santer & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hillman have moved into the rent over Leary's store, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Neil McFadden.

Mr. J. Florence Hollis has returned to Canton to make her home with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perry have moved from Virginia into John Orino's rent on the Swain Road.

Miss Sarah and Berilla McKenzie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenzie, have entered Shaw's Business College in Portland.

The Day's Bible Class of the Virginia District Sunday school will give an entertainment on Thursday evening, Feb. 8, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the expenses of the boys to attend the State conference held in Lewiston.

On Tuesday evening at the meeting of Peaceable Lodge, N. D. (P. A.), plate exercises were held in memory of the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Willey, founder of American Old Fellowship.

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C. L. Davis, coal dealer, Main St. Bethel, says: "My back troubled me on account of doing heavy lifting. It was a dull ache across my kidneys and my kidneys acted irregularly. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Bossman's Drug Store, relieved my back and regulated the action of my kidneys. I take them now as a kidney tonic and am always promptly benefited. I place great confidence in them."

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Miss Loretta Boyle, who for the past years has been a member of the Rumford Falls Times composing room staff, has resigned her position, and entered Shaw's Business College in Portland to take a degree in telegraphy.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Rumford met at the high school building on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6. A program consisting of music by the Girls' Band, the Universalist Male Quartette and an address by Miss Mary Haskell of the University of Maine was presented. Miss Haskell's subject was "School Gardens and Learning." The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Virginia District met on Monday evening of this week, when Miss Haskell also addressed them, giving a lecture on gardening.

Mrs. John Millidge of Prospect Avenue is recovering from a recent illness.

Following is a list of the new books at the Rumford Public Library:—The Prisoner, Real Motive, Rising Tide, Billie McBride, Beltane, The Smith, Life and Gabriella, Stories by O. Henry, Twelve volumes—Mary Gustaf, At the Foot of the Rainbow, Proof of the Pudding, Mr. Britling Sees It Through—All fiction. General Literature, Mysteries, Physics Forces, Frozen Dog Tales, After Dinner Stories, Everybody Up, Ant Communities, Trail of Maine Pioneer, Furniture of our Forefathers, The Pass, Mademoiselle Miss, which comprises letters from an American girl with the rank lieutenant in a French Army hospital at the front.

John Wikount, the leading Lithuanian in Rumford, says that the people of his native country are delighted in having Germany control Poland. The people there have not, for hundreds of years, enjoyed such liberty as now. "The Russians," says Mr. Wikount, "are an uncivilized people, while the Germans are civilized."

Miss Ella Ames and Miss Bertha Isachsen, who were to have left last week for Bermuda, were obliged to give up account of no steamers leaving the port of New York for the present. They have, however, left for New York City, Philadelphia and Washington for a vacation of several weeks and may extend their trip to Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Hyde of Peabody street left on Friday last for New York City, their trip from there to be determined by conditions. They had planned to go to Porto Rico, but if conditions on the water remain unsafe, they will go South instead.

The blizzard which struck this section on Friday and Saturday last was the most severe for outdoor operations in recent years. With the mercury registering 20 degrees below zero on Congress street, the wind blowing a gale, and snow flying, it tested the pluck and endurance of trackmen and yard crews in the Maine Central yards at Rumford.

Several of the men had frost bites on faces and hands, and it was most difficult to keep the switching trains moving, as the fine snow would fill in switches and rails as fast as shovelled out. With more moderate weather on Sunday, big crews were put on, and tracks opened up. Snow plows and trains hauled out of the yard all day.

Major E. A. Allen, who owns considerable property in the business section of Rumford, has just completed the purchase of the corner property on River street facing Bridge street, now occupied by a Lithuanian store with tenements overhead. This building has a joint ownership, a portion on Bridge and Congress streets being held by Mrs. Mabel Hedwin, and is one of the oldest business blocks in town.

Stratigraphy Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, at its regular convocations held on Friday evening last, voted to entertain some other commandery on St. John's Day, June 24, and an invitation is extended to Camden Commandery.

At the section sale held on Saturday last by the Rumford Falls Trust Com-

MILK PRODUCERS ORGANIZE.

Meetings were held last week in a number of places in the county to complete the organization of the local bodies under the New England Milk Producers' Association.

The Bethel Local organized Thursday, and will hold its annual meeting the first Thursday in January of each year. Officers: Pres.—Fritz J. Tyler. Vice-Pres.—Alton Bartlett, Hanover. Sec.—Treas.—Herman Mason. Ex. Com.—Stephen Abbott, Bethel; Chas. Saunders, Hanover; Alonzo Chapman, Bethel.

The West Bethel Local will hold its annual meeting in January, exact date not yet fixed. Officers as follows:

Pres.—J. P. Mather. Vice-Pres.—Henry Verrill. Sec.—Treas.—Clarence Barker. Ex. Com.—Douglas Cushing, Ernest Morrill, G. D. Morrill.

At South Paris the organization was made Wednesday forenoon, the body being known as the South Paris Local of the New England Milk Producers' Association. Officers as follows:

Pres.—H. E. Judd. Vice-Pres.—A. N. Cairns. Sec.—Treas.—W. C. Thayer. Herd Improvement and Sanitation Committee—B. F. Richards, A. N. Cairns, John McPherson.

The annual meeting will be held, the third Saturday in January of each year, at 10 A. M., and special meetings when necessary.

On Saturday the county organization was completed at Grange Hall, South Paris. The voting members of the county organization are the presidents of the several locals, and one delegate from each local for every twenty members or majority fraction in excess of that number. Annual meeting will be held on the first Saturday in February.

Officers are: Pres.—G. W. Q. Perham, Bryant's Pond. Vice-Pres.—A. T. Eastman, East Heron.

Sec.—Treas.—G. W. Richardson, West Paris. Ex. Com.—A. L. Chaplin, Welchville; C. P. Tripp, Canton; Addison Millett, Waterford.

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pany for the disposal of the "Rumford Inn" on the corner of Hartford and Canal streets, the property was sold for \$100 to a Polish resident of this town, who will tear the building to pieces and remove the lumber for building purposes elsewhere. According to the terms of the sale, the lot must be cleared by April 1st. There are several rumors about as to what kind of a building the Trust Company proposes to put up there, but as yet nothing definite has been given out.

Mrs. George Hutchins and Mrs. Fred O. Eaton are spending this week in Augusta with their husbands, who are representatives to the State Legislature. Word received by relatives in town of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Greene, announces them as enjoying themselves very much in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Greene having purchased an automobile, in which they are touring various portions of the southern country.

The many friends in town of Miss Lila Andrews of Mechanic Falls, were startled to hear on Monday that she was burned to death on Sunday at her home. Miss Andrews was a former resident of this town, residing with Dr. and Mrs. Bishop on Franklin street.

Word was received in town this week of the death of Mr. Warren Salisbury of Chicago. Mr. Salisbury's death came as a great shock to his many friends and relatives here, for whereas he had not been in the best of health for some time past, nothing serious was apprehended. Mr. Salisbury married Miss Eva Kimball of this town, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kimball, and widespread sympathy is extended to the widow.

Mrs. Gladys Laframme was found over on Monday morning under \$2000 bonds to the March term of Supreme Judicial Court on a charge of enticing girls for purposes of prostitution. This is the first case of this charge ever before the Rumford court, and the testimony introduced was of such a nature that all persons were excluded from the court room during the trial. Helen Curry was a witness against Mrs. Laframme on another charge of keeping a disorderly house, and in that case Mrs. Laframme was held in \$1800 bonds. Helen Curry and Rose and Evelyn M. Currie were charged with breaking and entering and larceny of a dress and pair of slippers from Mrs. Laframme's apartments in her absence, but sentences was suspended during good behavior.

His Deputy Sheriff Thomas Penley of Roxbury road is confined to his home suffering with an abscess in his throat.

Mrs. Yvonne Horne is working in the family of Lawyer George A. Hutchins during the absence of Mrs. Hutchins in Augusta.

Mrs. Mildred Freeman will entertain the Quilt Bed Club on Saturday evening of this week at her home in the Virginia District.

WEST PARIS

Grace and Mabel Stanley of North Waterford are guests of their sister, Mrs. Bernard Richardson.

E. J. Mann attended Mason meeting at Bryant's Pond, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frank Kendall of Bethel was the recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Ring.

Harrington Mann, who has been in poor health for several months has been suffering from an attack of grip. His daughter, Persis, is ill. At first typhoid fever or pneumonia was feared but latest reports are that a condition of one day may make it necessary to operate upon it.

A local branch of the New England Milk Producers' Association was organized Wednesday at Grange Hall with officers as follows:

Pres.—George W. Richardson. Vice-Pres.—Dana A. Grover. Sec.—Treas.—Arthur Abbott.

The old folks' ball at Centennial Hall, Tuesday evening of last week was a great success. More than sixty couples enjoyed the dancing until quite late. D. H. Plaford and Mrs. E. R. Davis led the march. Refreshments were served.

Rev. and Mrs. Dwight A. Ball went to Skowhegan, Wednesday morning, called there by the death of Mrs. Ball's brother, Dr. John E. Wadsworth, whose death was from pneumonia. He was a native of Hiram, a graduate of Dartmouth College and Bowdoin Medical School. His age was 42. Dr. Wadsworth was chairman of the State board of registration for nurses, and official physician of the State reformatory, and founded Somerset County Hospital. Dr. Wadsworth married Alice, daughter of John Locke of Fryburg, a resident at one time of this village, and a granddaughter of the late Samuel Barron Locke, 1st, an early settler of West Paris. Two children, Miss Prudence Wadsworth and John E. Wadsworth, Jr., survive.

Levi Sheild has been ill during the past week, but is slowly improving. Mrs. L. C. Bates is recovering from an attack and malaria. Her trained nurse, has gone home.

Mrs. Hiram Dunham visited her son, G. P. Dunham and family, at South Paris one day last week.

H. W. Welch was given a birthday party last Wednesday. Sixteen guests were present. Refreshments were served, including a pretty birthday cake with candles. Games were enjoyed.

Mrs. A. D. Coburn entertained the Christian Endeavorers at a social Wednesday.

In the game of basketball at Centennial Hall, Friday evening, West Paris High school against Gould's Academy, West Paris High won 18 to 16. West Paris girls' teams, Red Ribbons against Blue Ribbons, 13 to 6 in favor of Red Ribbons team.

Franklin Grange has been invited to visit W. Paris Grange, Saturday, Feb. 10. An all day meeting. First, second, third and fourth degrees to be conferred on a class of candidates.

Rev. James A. White, general secretary of the Baptist Young Peoples' Society of America, accompanied by one of the young people here in the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 17. There will be a basket lunch, with coffee served by the local church ladies. Everybody cordially invited to come to hear this notable man, who is spending only two weeks in this State in the interest of the young people's societies. More particulars next week.

The meeting held in the Methodist church, Monday, by the Oxford Methodist ministers' association was very interesting and helpful. It was not generally understood that it was to be public, so was not attended as fully as might have been. The program carried out was as follows:

Rev. A. M. Deaconess Service and Business.

Rev. D. B. Hall, Auburn. After Effects of Campaign on Effective Preachers and the Churches.

Rev. H. L. Nichols, Norway. Paper Literary Study of the Bible.

Rev. H. G. McLaughlin, Berlin, N. H. Book Review.

Rev. C. I. Spear, So. Paris. 1429-1929: Ought the Maine Conference to Celebrate the Tercentenary?

General Discussion. Mrs. A. R. Williams.

12:30 Dinner was served in Centennial Hall and social hour.

1:30 Devotional service.

A Minister's Prayer Life.

Rev. A. R. Williams, Oxford. Easter Messages and Pastoral Plans.

Rev. R. A. Rick, Mechanic Falls. The Man Sunday, Personal Impressions.

Rev. G. L. Pressey, Gorham, N. H. Service of Intercession conducted by District Sept. Hall.

Closing for supper and social hour.

7:30 Chorus music and song service by Ladies' Chorus.

Rev. L. W. Grundy. Prayer.

Rev. Sarah A. Robinson. Sermon.

Rev. T. G. Chapman, Bethel. Closing music and benediction.

There were in all twenty ministers present.

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ANDOVER

The Young People's Whist Club met Thursday evening of last week in the Hook and Ladder Hall. The first prizes were won by Lizette Baker and Arthur Stevens. Delicious refreshments were served.

Ray Thurston, who was at home recently, sold five head of cattle for \$430 to Wilder Kimball of Rumford Center. John Wyman, who has been working for William Gregg, is working in the mill at Frye.

Denton John L. Bailey conducted the services at the Congregational church, Sunday morning. An interesting sermon was read by Mr. Bailey.

Y. A. Thurston spent a few days last week at his home.

Saturday morning the thermometer registered 21 degrees below zero. Ella, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Learned, was severely burned Thursday afternoon by pulling a pall of boiling water from the table over on to herself.

The young people of the Universalist Society will give a drama, entitled, "Petrol, The Storm Child," in the town hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, followed by supper and dancing. Home made candy for sale.

Mrs. Abbie Wyman has gone to Salem, Mass., to spend the winter with her son and family.

Mrs. Gertrude Newhall came from Portland last week and will spend a few weeks with Mr. Newhall, who is working for C. A. Rand.

Mrs. Gladys Boulter from Rangleoy visited her father, Edward Pratt, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Chas. Lodge conferred the rank of Knight on a candidate, Friday evening.

John K. Hewey, manager of the Farm-machinery Club, is spending a few days with his family.

Wayne York, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Will Harris, returned Monday to his home at Westworth Location.

Nathan Akers, wife and son, from Rumford were guests of his parents, John E. Akers and family, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Eben Learned has been suffering with blood poisoning on his hand.

Edward Pratt, Sr., is very much out of health.

Chandler York, who is working in Byron, spent Sunday at his home.

Bern Feb. 2, to the wife of Irving Akers, a son. Mrs. Ella Swett is caring for Mrs. Akers.

Alice Averill has gone to Middle Dam where she has work.

There will be a musical and literary entertainment in the Congregational church, Monday evening, Feb. 19, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. The leading feature is the musical sketch, "The Sandman." The cast of characters are:

Mammy Chloe, Effie Akers. Naughty Boy, William French. Good Girl, Laura Newton. Sleepy Eye, Alta Brooks. Red Riding Hood, Treasa Milton. The Wolf, Roger Miller. Cinderella, Margaret Akers. The Witch, Faye Dwyer. The Prince, Roger Milton.

There are many other interesting features besides this. Admission: Adults 25 cents, children under 15, 10 cents. It is hoped that all who are interested in the young people of the town will be present.

Rev. D. B. Hall, Auburn. After Effects of Campaign on Effective Preachers and the Churches.

Rev. H. L. Nichols, Norway. Paper Literary Study of the Bible.

Rev. H. G. McLaughlin, Berlin, N. H. Book Review.

Rev. C. I. Spear, So. Paris. 1429-1929: Ought the Maine Conference to Celebrate the Tercentenary?

General Discussion. Mrs. A. R. Williams.

12:30 Dinner was served in Centennial Hall and social hour.

1:30 Devotional service.

A Minister's Prayer Life.

Rev. A. R. Williams, Oxford. Easter Messages and Pastoral Plans.

Rev. R. A. Rick, Mechanic Falls. The Man Sunday, Personal Impressions.

Rev. G. L. Pressey, Gorham, N. H. Service of Intercession conducted by District Sept. Hall.

Closing for supper and social hour.

7:30 Chorus music and song service by Ladies' Chorus.

Rev. L. W. Grundy. Prayer.

Rev. Sarah A. Robinson. Sermon.

Rev. T. G. Chapman, Bethel. Closing music and benediction.

There were in all twenty ministers present.

J. E. JONES'

NEW PUBLICATION.

Washington Correspondent Preparing to Launch Monthly at National Capital.

"Achievements in the World's Work," with J. E. Jones as editor, is to appear early in the new year.

A prospectus, or sample specimen has been issued, and a copy of it may be seen at the Citizen Office. Evidently Achievements in the World's Work will be developed along the lines of furnishing a cheery, optimistic uplift to the things that count in the world's-work.

The little sample book relates a human interest story of Henry Ford, as the principal article. It tells interestingly of B. L. Bobroff, of Milwaukee, who has invented a system whereby the roll call of the House of Representatives may be completed in three minutes, thereby saving two full months of the time of Congress during a long session. "The Light of the World," traced from the earliest burning brands, and the operations of the firefly, down to the bright electric rays of the present time, is the basis of another article. The evolution of animal and human life, reciting the disappearance of the armored specimens, with up-to-date comparisons with reference to man's life and war, furnishes another story, that is not dull—but rather breezy, informative, and refreshing. Epigrammatic paragraphs enliven the pages.

Achievements in the World's Work will essay a style known as "popular" reading. Men and events will be treated in an intimate, familiar manner; and it is likely that human foibles will not be overlooked in the interest of pleasing the vanities of those who may be generally conceded as great.

The readers of the Citizen have been privileged to see much of Mr. Jones' writings in these columns. The appeal is being made first to those who felt an interest in Mr. Jones' Washington letter to become "charter member subscribers" to Achievements in the World's Work.

Among early articles will be intimate personal sketches concerning Admiral Peary, discoverer of the North Pole; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone; Major General Goethals, who built the Panama Canal, and General Gorgas, who has achieved much in sanitation. There will be stories of popular interest covering the trivial incidents of life, as well as industry, war and peace, told in a way that will be appreciated by those who delight in snappy stories, or solidly frozen chunks of facts.

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WEST GREENWOOD.
Mr. and Mrs. Jones spent one day of last week with Mr. Alfred Leighton and family.
Miss Anna was in town, recently.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harrington are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Jan. 25.
W. A. Hall went to the Greenwood town farm, Monday, to start on the town report.
Mr. Rogers of Waterville, Me., was in town, recently, selling stone.
James and Herbert Brownson attended the installation of officers of the club, Tuesday evening, at Locke's Mill.

HANOVER.
Mrs. Clyde Brooks is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. P. Davis.
P. Saunders, M. P. Davis and Lawrence are going to Bangor, Saturday, after oil for Parker Beach.
There will be a whist party in Orange Hall, Newry corner, Saturday night, Feb. 10.
Several from this place attended the drama at Bethel, Friday night.
Clark Moore has finished work for David Hallings.
Alice Brown is waiting for Mrs. John Matthews.
Quite a number in town are having bad colds.

YOUR LAST CHANCE.
Recently we published in these columns an offer of The Youth's Companion and Metcalf's Magazine, both for a full year, for only \$2.10, including a Metcalf's Drama Pattern. The high price of paper and ink has obliged Metcalf's Magazine to raise their subscription price February 1 to 10 cents a copy and to create a year so that the offer at the above price must be withdrawn.
Until March 31 our readers have the privilege of ordering both publications for a full year, including the above of a Metcalf's Drama Pattern, for only \$2.10.
The amount of reading, information and entertainment obtained in the 12 months term of The Youth's Companion and Metcalf's Magazine is well worth the small cost of \$2.10. It is a real bargain to every reader of this page.

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POEMS WORTH READING

THE FINEST AGE.
By Edgar A. Guest.
When he was only nine months old
And plump and round and pink of cheek,
A joy to tickle and to hold,
Before he'd even learned to speak
His gentle mother used to say:
"It is too bad he must grow.
If I could only have my way
His baby ways we'd always know."
And then the year was turned, and he
Began to toddle round the floor
And name the things that he could see,
And roll the daisies that he wore,
Then many a night she whispered low:
"Our baby now is such a joy
I hate to think that he must grow
To be a wild and headless boy."

But on he went and sweeter grew,
And then his mother, I recall,
Wished she could keep him always two,
For that's the finest age of all.
She thought the self-same thing at three,
And now that he is four she sighs
To think he cannot always be
The youngster with the laughing eyes.
O little boy, my wish is not
Always to keep you four years old,
Each night I stand beside your cot,
And think of what the years may hold,
And looking down on you I pray
That when we've lost our baby small,
The mother of our man will say
"This is the finest age of all."

I LAY IN DEEP SORROW.
By Charles Mackay.
I lay in sorrow, deep distress'd;
My grief a proud man heard;
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,
But not a kindly word.
My sorrow pass'd—I paid him back
The gold he gave to me;
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks,
And bless'd his charity.
I lay in want, in grief and pain;
A poor man pass'd my way;
He heard my tale, he gave me bread,
He watch'd me night and day.
How shall I pay him back again
For all he did to me?
Oh, gold is great, but greater far
Is heavenly sympathy!
Be happy.
Isn't it fun to be happy? Isn't it fun
To be sweet,
Isn't it fun to find as we run that
roses are under our feet?
Houses in realms of laughter,
As sweethearts, in visions of life;
The now, with its hate, and thereafter,
An end of the sorrow and strife.

Isn't it fun to be happy? Isn't it fun
To be fair;
Isn't it fun to be off in the sun with
a dog for this burden of care?
A dog for this, now and tomorrow,
No happy—as youth is, and love—
With the sunshine to lighten the sorrow,
And the blue skies smiling above.
Be happy.
Not understood, we move along around
er,
Our paths grow wider as the season's
erries.
Along the years we marvel and we wonder
Why life is life! And then we fall
asleep—
Not understood.

Not understood, we gather false impressions
And lay them closer as the years
go by.
Till virtues often seem to us transgressive
sins,
And thus men rise and fall and live
and die—
Not understood.
Not understood—how often often
change us.
The thoughtless sentence or the fan
cial sight
History long years of friendship and
enmity we,
And as our souls there falls a frozen
light—
Not understood.

How many careless, lonely hearts are
asking
For lack of sympathy—Ah, day by
day
How many careless lonely hearts are
breaking,
How many noble spirits pass away—
Not understood.
Oh, that! That man could see a little
clearer,
Or judge less harshly where they stand
and roam—
Oh, that! That man would draw a bit
the corner
One another, they'd be nearer than
—And understood.
—Active unknown.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
By Frank L. Stanton.
I reckon when you sort of stop an' think
a bit about it,
No matter what the weather is, we
couldn't live without it!
For when the rain comes rippin' down
an' catches us complainin'
It finds the flowers in Lonesome Town
—the fields are glad its rainin'—

I reckon when upon the road we're hid,
In' out from weather
It's sweet to think, for all the storms,
we've got that far together;
That one deep river's crossed, and so,
one riddle we unravel;
Though rough the way, 'twill end, some
day; It ain't so far to travel!

I reckon there's a light to lead—if
Life takes time to heed it,
An' that the comfort that we need will
come when most we need it;
An' so, we'll reach the journey's end
—rest to the weary given,
And when the twilight dreams descend
we'll not be far from Heaven.

WHEN FATHER COMES HOME.
By Folger McKinstry.
When father comes, are you happy?
When he lifts the old latch of the
gate?
Do your eyes twinkle gladly and snap-
py?
With a smile and song do you wait?
Well, you should! You should listen to
hear him!
You should cling to his side and be
near him!
You should think of his day in the heat
of the day;
When father comes home, you should
cheer him.

When father comes home, does he
bring you
A smile from the laughter and glee
Of the sunny old world? Does he sing
a lay as you perch on his knee?
Well, he should! He should hunger to
brighten
The home of his heart and to lighten
The care of each one with a share of
his sun,
While arms around his neck cling
and tighten.

When father comes home, are you sur-
ry?
When you hear his old step in the
street,
Do you fly to the door and the window
And throw him a kiss fond and
sweet?
Well, you should! You should welcome
him gladly,
He has longed for you all day so
sadly,
He has dreamt of your running to him
in your funning,
He has hungered to hold you so
badly.

JUDGING HORSE'S AGE.
Teeth Furnish Fairly Accurate Indica-
tion—Yearly Changes Which Ordi-
narily Occur

Until a horse is over 10 years old the
teeth furnish an indication of age
which is fairly accurate. In estimat-
ing the age of a horse, only the three
pairs of front teeth or alphas on each
jaw are considered. Horses, like hu-
man beings, have two sets of teeth, the
first set, known as milk teeth, being re-
placed by permanent teeth. New teeth
have deep cups, or indentations, at
their centers. As the teeth wear down
these cups disappear.

A colt does not usually get its first
pair of alphas until it is a few days
old, but has all three pairs by the time
it is 6 to 10 months old. Until a colt is
3 years old, however, its general ap-
pearance is relied upon largely to indi-
cate its age. Following is a descrip-
tion of the yearly changes which ordi-
narily occur in the teeth of a horse.

One year.—The center pair of milk
teeth, known as the pinners, and the
pair next to them, known as the inter-
mediates, are well through the gums
and in contact, but the corner pairs do
not yet meet on a level.

Two years.—The pinners and the in-
termediates indicate that they are be-
ing crowded by the permanent teeth,
as they are pushed free from their
gums at the base. By the time the colt is
2½ years old the middle pinners
should be through. The permanent
teeth are much larger than the tem-
porary ones.



This is Daisy Baker's Mother. Her hints and suggestions on household economy and home baking, which will appear in these columns from time to time, will be found of interest and value to every housewife.

What Can You Do to Cut Down the Cost of Living?

"Start in with baking at home. It's easy to make good bread—better than you can buy—and you'll be surprised how much you can save."

"What you save on the cost of the bread is only half the story. The better your bread, the more your family will eat, and, in eating more bread they will naturally eat less of other more expensive foods."

"There is twice as much food value in a pound of flour as in a pound of meat—and the meat will cost you probably five times as much."

"All you need is a good recipe and a good flour—these two things are essential."

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Six years.—The cups in the center pair have nearly disappeared. In the second pair they are about two-thirds gone.

Seven years.—The cups from the second pair are now gone. There is a notch in the upper corner tooth where it overlaps the lower one.

Eight years.—The cups having all worn out of the lower alphas, we now look at the upper jaw. Although cups remain in the center pair, they are not deep.

Nine years.—The cups in the center pair of alphas on the upper jaw have disappeared. They are still present in the other two pairs, being fairly deep in the corner ones.

Ten years.—The cups are worn out of the second pair on the upper jaw, although they are still present in the corner pair.

Older horses.—At 11 years all of the cups are usually worn out of the incisors and it becomes necessary to use some other indication. Estimation of age may now be based upon the angle at which the teeth meet, their change in size and shape. As the horse gets older, the teeth meet more and more at an acute angle; that is, the jaws become more oblique. As the teeth wear down, the shape of the worn ends changes from oval to more nearly rounded and, finally, in an aged horse, to a nearly triangular form. Sometimes the cups are cut or burned in the teeth of old horses to make their mouths resemble those of younger animals. This practice, known as "blisping," may be detected if the shape of the tooth and the absence of the ring of enamel which surrounds the natural top are noted. After a horse is 12 years old its condition is more important than its age in determining value.

MILKING MACHINES.

Most Efficient When Used in Large Herds, According to Recent Farm Management Studies.

That milking by machinery, compared with hand milking, is less expensive, in general, in herds of more than 12 cows, and more so in smaller herds, is indicated in recent studies made by farm management specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Attention is called to the fact that milking machines must be operated by competent operators and that stripping by hand after the machine is essential if satisfactory results are to be obtained. The majority of the farmers visited during the studies believe that the milking machine has no effect on way or another on the general welfare of the herd.

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Why Not Buy It in Maine?

Mrs. Y.—My daughter is a promising musician.
Mr. C.—Well, get her to promise that she won't sing any more.—Yonkers Statesman.

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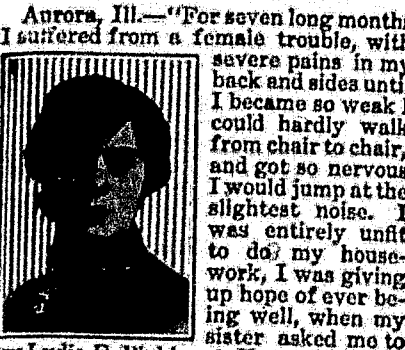
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By G. E. Conkey.

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The accurate keeping of an account system will often create an interest in poultry raising that might not otherwise be awakened and like all account keeping, it tends to develop a spirit of economy that will help the poultry owner greatly in the management of other affairs. Aside from these, however, it has many practical advantages that make it invaluable.

The greatest value of keeping poultry accounts lies in the fact that it enables you to determine at any time whether your birds are being kept at a profit or at a loss and it gives you the amount of profit or loss in any given period.

An accurate account system will tell you the effectiveness of your feeding rations, for it will show whether the receipts from the eggs laid by your hens give you a reasonable profit over the cost of their feed. All home grown grain should be charged at market price and all eggs kept for home consumption should be credited at the prices that would be obtained for them if they were sold. Then, if the hens do not pay for their board, experiments should be made to make the feeding methods more effective.

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Simplicity The Keynote.
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OXFORD.

The installation of officers took place at the regular meeting of Oxford Division No. 23 Sons of Temperance. The officers elected for the term of six months are: Worthy Patriarch, Kate Starbird; worthy associate, Carrie Thomas; financial scribe, Schibbe Hanscom; treasurer, Fanny French; recording scribe, Edith McKay; assistant, Wendell Lane; chaplain, Ida Davis; conductor, LaVerne Thomas; assistant, Marguerite Starbird; outside sentinel, Nellie Hawkes; inside sentinel, Caroline Carman; past worthy patriarch, Charles Warren.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has been postponed until Friday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKay in the parish house Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. T. Matheson of New York has presented the library with 12 new books this week. From the trustees under the will of Mary Baker Eddy the library has received "Science and Health," (German) and "Christian Healing." These books are to be placed at the disposal of the reading public as soon as they have been catalogued.

C. C. Warren has received his commission as Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch of Oxford Division, No. 23, Sons of Temperance.

The Ladies' Circle of the Methodist church held a sale of food and clam chowder, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cole were in town the past week.

Hazel Marshall was a recent visitor at Mechanic Falls.

Ralph Parmenter, principal of Oxford High School, spent the week end and Sunday with his parents in Portland.

George Wilder of Cambridge was in town the past week.

Mary Delano was home over Sunday.

Dr. H. R. Farris spent a few days in Boston the past week.

Mrs. C. S. Hayes, who has been spending a few days in Norway, has returned home.

Market Eggs, Market Poultry, Miscellaneous, Total. On the Credit sheet for January should be entered all money received during that month. Eight dozens of eggs sold on January 14th at 44 cents a dozen would therefore be set down as follows: "14.17" in the Date column; "8 doz. Eggs @ 44 cts." in the Item column; the total amount received for the eggs, \$3.52, in the Market Egg column; and this \$3.52 also in the Total column.

Probably the only entry whose handling is likely to cause trouble is when eggs are kept for hatching. Credit these, like eggs kept for home consumption, at the prevailing selling price, but, as they must be classed with feed and equipment as an investment to produce more profit, charge them also in the Miscellaneous column of the current Debit sheet. The transaction simply represents a sale by the poultry owner to himself and therefore requires two entries.

At the end of each month, add up the Total column of each sheet for that month. The difference between the two columns will show the profit or loss of the birds for that month. Repeat this process each month and it will soon enable you to accurately determine whether your flock is a paying or losing investment.

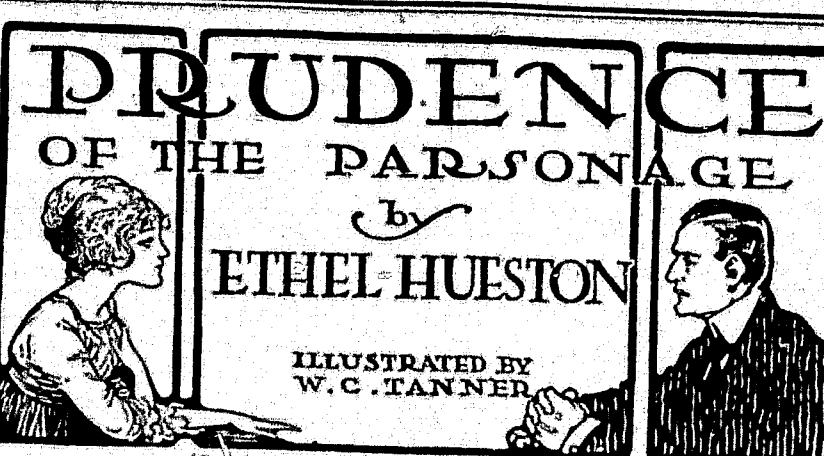
With practically no additional work, you can expand this system to show whether the birds are paying back the principal of the investment which they represent. To do this put down on your first Debit sheet a fair valuation of your flock, poultry buildings, equipment and at the end of each month carry the profit or loss balance over to start with on the correct sheet for the following month. At first the balance will be overwhelmingly on the Debit side, but, if the birds are given good care and management, it will probably decrease gradually until eventually the balance is on the right side.

Good work is profitable and often results in any business and, for this reason, every poultry owner should keep a set of accurate records. When once tried, you will find them worth many times the small amount of plan and clerical work involved.

You can generally read a woman like a book—if she is of the old-fashioned type.

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CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of three daughters, came to the Methodist parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.

The Rest of the Family. It was Saturday morning when the four young parsonage girls arrived in Mount Mark. The elderly Misses Avery, next door, looked out of their windows, pending their appearance on Main street, with interest and concern. They were Episcopalians themselves, and in all their long lives they had never so much as heard of a widower-rector with five daughters and no housekeeper. There was something blood-curdling in the bare idea.

The Misses Avery considered Prudence herself rather a sweet, silly little thing.

"You have some real nice people in the Methodist church," Miss Dora had told her. "I dare say you will find a few of them very likable."

"Oh, I will like them all," said Prudence quickly and seriously.

"Like them all," echoed Miss Dora. "Oh, impossible!"

"Not for us," said Prudence. "We are used to it, you know. When we dislike people at first sight, we visit them."

Then the eldest Miss Avery closed the window overlooking the parsonage and confronted her sisters.

"We must just make the best of it," she said quietly.

But next door the gray old parsonage was full to overflowing with satisfaction and happiness and love. Every one has experienced the ecstatic, creepy sensation of sleeping in a brand-new home. The parsonage girls reveled in the memory of that first night for many days. "It may be haunted for all we know," cried Carol deliciously. "Just think, Connie, there may be seven ghosts camped on the head of your bed, waiting—"

"Carol!" When the family gathered for worship on that first Sabbath morning, Mr. Starr said, as he turned the leaves of his well-worn Bible, "I think it would be well for you to help with the morning worship now. When I finish reading the chapter, Connie, you will make the first prayer. Just pray for whatever you wish as you do at night for yourself. I will follow you."

Connie's eyes were wide with responsibility during the reading of the chapter, but when she began to speak her voice did not falter. Connie had nine years of good Methodist experience back of her!

"Our Father, who art in heaven, we bow ourselves before thy footstool in humility and reverence. Thou art our God, our Creator, our Savior. Bless us this day, and cause thy face to shine upon us. Blot out our transgressions, pardon our trespasses. Wash us, that we may be whiter than snow. Hide not thy face from the eyes of thy children, turn not upon us in wrath. Pity us, Lord, as we kneel here prostrate before thy majesty and glory. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. And finally save us, an unbroken family around thy throne in heaven, for Jesus' sake, Amen."

This was followed by an electric silence. Prudence was biting her lips painfully, and counting by tens as fast as she could. Prudence was mentally going over the prayer sentence by sentence, and attributing each petition to the individual member in the old church at Eximister to whom it belonged. The twins were a little amazed, and quite proud. Connie was an honor to the parsonage—but they were concerned lest they themselves should not do quite so well when their days came.

But in less than a moment the minister-father began his prayer. When he said "Amen," Prudence was on her feet and half-way upstairs before the others were fairly risen. Prudence stood gazing intently out of the window for a moment, and then went out to the barn to see if the horse was through eating. Mr. Starr walked gravely and soberly out the front door, and around the house. He ran into Prudence coming out the kitchen door, and they glanced quickly at each other.

"Hurry, papa," she whispered; "you can't hold in much longer! Neither can I!"

As together, choking with laughter, they hurried into the barn and gave full vent to their feelings. So it was that the twins and Connie were alone for a while. "You did a pretty good job, Connie," said Carol approvingly. "Yes, I think I did myself," was the complacent answer. "But I intended to put in 'Keep us as the apple of thy eye, hold us in the hollow of thy hand,' and I forgot it until I had said 'Amen.' I had a notion to put in a postscript, but I believe that isn't done."

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"Never mind," said Carol, "all use that in mine, tomorrow." It cannot be said that this form of family worship was a great success. The twins were invariably stereotyped, out and dried. They thanked the Lord for the beautiful morning, for kind friends, for health, and family, and praiseworthy. Connie always prayed in sentences extracted from the prayers of others she had often heard, and every time with nearly disastrous effect.

But later on the morning worship went better. The prayers of the children changed—became more personal, less stilted. They remembered that when they knelt they were at the feet of God, and speaking direct to him.

The family had been in the new parsonage only three weeks, when a visiting minister called on them. It was about ten minutes before the luncheon hour at the time of his arrival. Mr. Starr was in the country, visiting, so the girls received him alone. It was an unfortunate day for the Starrs. Prudence had been at college all morning, and Prudence had been rummaging in the attic, getting it ready for a rainy day and winter playroom for the younger girls. She was dusty and tired.

The luncheon hour arrived, and the girls came in from school, eager to be up and away again. Still the grave young minister sat discussing upon serious topics with the flustered Prudence—and in spite of dust and perspiration, she was good to look upon. Rev. Mr. Morgan realized that, and could not tear himself away. Finally Prudence sighed.

"Do you like sweet corn, Mr. Morgan?"

This was entirely out of the line of their conversation, and for a moment he faltered. "Sweet corn?" he repeated. "Yes, roasting ears, you know—cooked on the cob."

Then he smiled. "Oh, yes, indeed. Very much," he said.

"Well," she began her explanation rather dreamily, "I was busy this morning and did not prepare much luncheon. We are very fond of sweet corn, and I cooked an enormous panful. But that's all we have for luncheon—sweet corn and butter. We haven't even bread, because I am going to bake this afternoon, and we never eat it with sweet corn, anyhow. Now, if you care to eat sweet corn and butter, and I canned peaches, we'll just love to have you stay for luncheon with us."

Rev. Mr. Morgan was charmed, and said so. So Prudence rushed to the kitchen, opened the peaches in a hurry, and fished out a clean napkin for their guest. Then they gathered about the table, five girls and the visiting minister. It was really a curious sight, that table, in the center stood a tall vase of goldenrod. On either side of it was a great platter piled high with sweet corn, on the cob! Around the table were six plates, with the necessary silverware, and a glass of water for each. There was also a small dish of peaches at each place, and an individual plate of butter. That was all—except the napkins. But Prudence made no apologies. She was a daughter of the parsonage! She showed Rev. Mr. Morgan to his place as graciously and sweetly as though she were ushering him in to a twenty-seven-course banquet.

"Will you return thanks, Mr. Morgan?" she said.

And the girls bowed their heads. Rev. Mr. Morgan cleared his throat, and began: "Our Father we thank thee for this table."

There was more of the blessing, but the parsonage girls heard not one additional phrase—except Connie, who followed him conscientiously through every word. Carol burst into merry laughter, close upon his reverent "Amen"—and after one awful glare at her sister, Prudence joined in, and soon it was a rollicking group around the parsonage table. Mr. Morgan himself smiled uncertainly. He was puzzled. More, he was embarrassed. But as soon as Carol could get her breath, she gasped out an explanation.

"You were just—right, Mr. Morgan—to give thanks—for the table! There's nothing on it—to be thankful for!" And the whole family went off once more into peals of laughter.

Mr. Morgan had very little appetite that day. He did not seem to be so fond of sweet corn as he had assured Prudence. He talked very little, too. And as soon as possible he took his hat and walked hurriedly away. He did never call at the parsonage again.

A few weeks after this Carol distinguished herself again, and to her lasting mortification. A man living only six blocks from the parsonage had graciously offered Mr. Starr free pasture for his pretty little Jersey in his broad meadow, and the offer was gratefully accepted. This meant that every evening the twins must walk after the cow, and every morning must take her back for the day's grazing.

One evening, as they were starting out from the meadow homeward with the docile animal, Carol stopped and gazed at Blinkie reflectively. "Lark," she said, "I just believe to my soul that I could ride this cow."

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"Cows Have Such Funny Backs."

on their way home from the meadow—and all of them were well back from the road.

Lark argued and pleaded, but Carol was firm. "I must try it," she insisted, "and if it doesn't go well I can slide off. You can lead her, Lark."

The obliging Lark boosted her sister up, and Carol nimbly scrambled into place, riding astride.

"I've got to ride this way," she said. "Cows have such funny backs. I couldn't keep on any other way. If I see anyone coming, I'll slide for it."

For a while all went well. Lark led Blinkie carefully, gazing about anxiously to see that no one approached. So they advanced to within two blocks of the parsonage. By this time Blinkie concluded that she was being impudently upon. She shook her head violently, and twitched the rope from Lark's hand, gave a scornful toss of her dainty head, and struck out madly for home. With great presence of mind, Carol fell flat upon the cow's neck, and hung on for dear life, while Lark, in terror, started out in pursuit.

"Help! Help!" she cried loudly. "Papa! Papa! Papa!"

In this way they turned in to the parsonage gate, which happily stood open. As luck would have it, Mr. Starr was standing at the door with two men who had been calling on him, and hearing Lark's frantic cries, they rushed to meet the wild procession, and had the unique experience of seeing a parsonage girl riding flat on her stomach on the neck of a galloping Jersey, with another parsonage girl in mad pursuit.

Blinkie stopped beside the barn, and turned her head about inquiringly.

Carol slid to the ground, and buried her face in her hands at sight of the two men with her father. Then, with never a word, she lit out for the house at top speed. The three men sat down on the ground and burst into hearty laughter.

Lark came upon them as they sat thus, and Lark was angry. She stamped her foot with a violence that must have hurt her.

"I don't see anything to laugh at," she cried passionately. "It was awful, it was awful! Carrie might have been killed! It—it—"

"Tell us all about it, Lark," gasped her father. And Lark did so, smiling a little herself, now that her fears were relieved. "Poor Carol," she said, "she'll never live down the humiliation. I must go and console her."

In a little while Carol felt much better. But she talked it over with Prudence very seriously.

"I hope you understand, Prudence, that I shall never have anything more to do with Blinkie! She can die of starvation for all I care. I'll never take her to and from the pasture again. I couldn't do it! Such rank ingratitude as that cow displayed was never equaled, I am certain."

"I suppose you'll quit using milk and cream, too," suggested Prudence. "Oh, well," said Carol more tolerantly, "I don't want to be too hard on Blinkie, for after all it was partly my own fault. So I won't go that far. But I must draw the line somewhere! Hereafter Blinkie and I meet as strangers!"

(To Be Continued.)

